

Reign of Christ
Sunday, November 24, 2019



Rideau Park United Church

We acknowledge, with respect the history, spirituality, and culture of the indigenous peoples of Canada, and their stewardship of the unceded Algonquin land where this church is built. Rideau Park is an Affirming Congregation in the United Church of Canada. All are invited to participate fully, with mutual respect, in the life and work of the church, including those of diverse ages, abilities, gender identities and sexual orientations, races ethnicities, religions, and economic backgrounds.

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WE GATHER TOGETHER

Gathering Music

Lighting of Chancel Candles:

Matthew 5:15 – No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others.

*Call to Worship:

ONE: We are people of courage, people of hope, people who make mistakes, people who know forgiveness.

ALL: We are all children of God.

ONE: We come to God in worship to learn, lament, repent and praise.

ALL: We come to build God's commonwealth of love.

ONE: Let us make this time sacred.

ALL: Let us worship God!

***ProceSSIONal Hymn: 213 VU**

Rejoice, the Lord is King

Darwall's 148th

* Prayer of Approach and Jesus' Prayer (p. 921 VU)

A Prayer for the Reign of Christ, **214 VU** (*seated, in unison*)
(*followed by a time of silent reflection and prayer*)

Words of Assurance

Hymn: 46 MV

Bless the Lord

LISTENING FOR GOD’S WORD

A Time for all God’s Children

(Following the story, the children are invited to go to Sunday School.)

Scripture Reading: 1 Samuel 8:4-20

Lay Reader: Valerie Douglas

Anthem:

King of Glory, King of Peace
Chancel Choir

J.S Bach NCAB

Scripture reading: Luke 23:33-43

Lay Reader: Valerie Douglas

Sermon:

Elizabeth Bryce

***Hymn: 126 MV**

Are You a Shepherd?

OUR RESPONSE

Offering

Offering Music

Au Bord de l’eau

G. Faure

Soloist:

Noah Bragança

*Offertory Response: 191 MV –

What can I do, what can I bring?

What can I say, what can I sing?

I’ll sing with joy, I’ll say a prayer.

I’ll bring my love, I’ll do my share.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Concern

The Life and Work of the Church: Minute for Mission

***Hymn: 699 VU**

Live into Hope

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Commissioning and Benediction

Postlude

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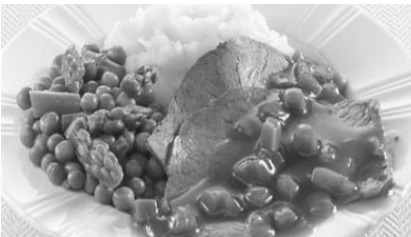
Upcoming Worship Events

Dec 1	Advent 1 Service/Communion	10:00am
Dec 4	Encarna	6:30pm
Dec 11	Encarna: Advent Retreat	6:30pm
Dec 22	Blue Christmas	3:00pm

Fellowship Harvest Luncheon, TODAY at 11:30 a.m. in the Parlour: Come join us at for lunch The menu is: Cup of Soup; Quiche; Green Salad; Apple Cake; Coffee and Tea. Tickets are \$10.00 per person and tickets will be available at the door if you don't have one. Proceeds will go to Rideau Park's Refugee Fund.

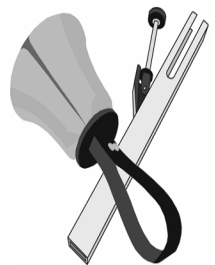
Pageant Rehearsal Today: All participants are asked to meet in Brackenridge Hall for a rehearsal at **11:15 a.m. today**. Costumes will be fitted today. Our youngest actors/actresses will stay only for the first 15-20 minutes. All other participants will finish at 1:30 p.m. today.

Christmas Shoe Boxes: There are 80 shoe boxes that remain for the women and children at Oshki Kizis Lodge and the children and youth that use the services of the Banff Avenue Community House in the Banff-Ledbury community. We are looking to provide 140 shoe boxes this Christmas season. Shoe boxes and information sheets will be available during coffee hour.



Don't miss our Annual Roast Beef dinner on Friday, November 29 at 6:00 p.m.! Everything made fresh. Tickets are \$20.00 for adults and \$10.00 for children under 10, and can be obtained at coffee hour after the church service, or through the office during the week. For more information, please call 613-733-3153 ext. 229.

Ring in Christmas! Get in the Christmas mood with a lovely concert on Sunday, December 1, at 7:00 p.m. performed by our talented hand bell and chimes ringers, under the leadership of Jeanette Caton, Gord Dewis and Andrea Laliberté. All are invited. This annual concert features Rideau Park's five handbell and chime choirs: **Touch of Brass, Grace Notes, La Bell Ensemble, Note-Able Sound Chimes and Ringing Praise**, playing the popular and sacred music of the Christmas season. For more information, please call the office at 613-733-3156 ext. 229. Freewill offering in support of Christmas Cheer and Heron Road Foodbank.



Help us keep our building clean during the winter months. Please remove your boots when entering the church so that salt does not get tracked past the entranceways. Bring a pair of shoes, slippers, or warm socks for your feet. Please remember, no boots upstairs either. Thanks for your co-operation.



ADVENT HAPPENING, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1: Sign-Up Required! Following the service on Sunday, December 1 we will again be making Gingerbread Houses as ADVENT HAPPENING marks the beginning of the Christmas Season. A potluck lunch will follow. **Surnames A-H bring desserts and Surnames I-Z bring sandwiches or cheese and crackers.** An offering of \$10.00 to cover the costs of the houses, icing and candies will gladly be accepted at the door. Please sign up by e-mail to: taralockhart8@gmail.com to reserve your gingerbread house. **Volunteers to make icing on Saturday, November 30 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. would be greatly appreciated.** Please email taralockhart8@gmail.com to volunteer. Thank you!

Harmony Club for Seniors (60+) will meet on Wednesday, December 4. Registration begins at 11:00 a.m., as members begin to gather. The annual fee is \$4.00. At 12:00 noon, a delicious **Christmas lunch** will be served by volunteers (cost is \$6.00). From 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. there will be a Christmas carol sing-along led by Iain Macpherson, Music Minister Coordinator, accompanied by Organist Andrew Ager on the piano. Please spread the word that presentations are open to all, without charge or prior notice. Plan to join us again on January 29, 2020.

Christmas Celebration Concert! You are invited to join us on **Sunday, December 8, at 7:30 p.m.** for a marvelous, festive concert featuring Rideau Park's own Chancel Choir, Touch of Brass Bells, and organist Andrew Ager. Listen to the sacred music of Christmas and join in singing your favourite carols. Freewill offering. *There will also be a reception after the concert in the Parlour for your enjoyment, where refreshments will be served.* For more information, please contact the office at 613-733-3156 ext. 229.



Christmas Cheer!! For over 40 years our church has provided 150 families with either a Christmas hamper or gift cards. The hampers provide not just food for a nice Christmas dinner, but staples to help folks over the holidays. The cost of hampers range from \$60.00 for a family of 2 to \$135.00 for a large family of 7 or more. **We need, not only your financial support, but also volunteers; packers, loaders and drivers.** Sign up on the bulletin board located at the top of the stairs, at the end of the upper hallway. And you can make your donations using the specially marked Christmas Cheer envelopes and put them in the collection plate, or drop them off at the church office during normal business hours. Thank you.

Did you know? Each Sunday morning as the collection plate is passed around, while it may look bare, 184 members/families (approximately 83% of those making pledges) are actually contributing through PAR close to \$7,430 of the \$12,750 per week required to operate our 3 major funds (M&P, M&S and PR). So when that plate goes by take time to reflect on what it takes to run our church and how your generosity can help make a difference. Thank you.

Christmas Pageant Helpers Needed! Anyone who could volunteer time to help at rehearsals, help with costumes or assist with creating set pieces is asked to contact Andrea Laliberté at 613-248-1283 or marcandrea@rogers.com. *High school students will be credited with volunteer hours for their assistance.*

Christmas Pageant 20th Anniversary Slide Show!!! To help us celebrate **20 years of Christmas Pageants**, everyone is invited to submit their favourite Pageant photos. We will be creating a slide show that will be viewed leading up to the Pageant and during the offertory during the Pageant itself. Digital images can be sent to Andrea directly at marcandrea@rogers.com. If you would like to submit a physical photo to Andrea, please note your name and contact info on the back so Andrea can return it to you.

Healing Pathway: Full sessions are offered most **Thursdays, by appointment between 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m., and once a month on Sunday evening between 7:00 and 9:00 p.m.** To book an appointment, please email healingpathway@rideaupark.ca, or speak to Sharon Sanderson or Brian Neal. Healing prayer is also offered in the Chapel, immediately following the service, most Sundays of the month. No appointment is needed for these shorter, 3-5 minute sessions.

Attention: In light of the recent events the **alarm access codes** are being reviewed. If you currently have a code or have occasion to need to have an alarm code please let Debi know before December 1 as the codes will be updated on December 2. Please note that there are only 16 slots available so priority for a code will be determined by the Administrator.

RPUC Website: Go to rideaupark.ca for all the latest church news and information on upcoming events, and join us on Sunday mornings for our live streaming service. This site is maintained by the office staff and volunteers.

Blue Christmas: Please join us at **3:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 22, at 3:00 p.m.** for the gentle Blue Christmas service. A quiet, contemplative service; an alternative to traditional services. Maybe your year has been hard – for whatever reason (bereavement, illness, estrangement, loss of income, loneliness or worry)– and Christmas seems to highlight the difficulties. Or maybe in an over busy life, you just want space to reflect, recall, regroup.

Yes, we're on Facebook! And Instagram! If you are on social media, why not join the *Rideau Park United Church Facebook group*. It's a great way to share news and to connect with people. Here is the Instagram link: <https://www.instagram.com/rideauparkunitedottawa>

TREASURER'S NOTE

Below are the year-to-date revenues and expenses for the period ending October 31, 2019 for the "Rideau Park Ministries and Program" (M&P) Fund, along with comparatives to the current budget for the period and the previous years' actual:

FINANCIAL RESULTS AS AT Oct 31:

	Actual	YTD Budget	Actual
M & P Revenues	\$ 412,068	\$ 424,500	\$ 409,529
M & P Expenses	<u>\$ 474,676</u>	<u>\$ 482,473</u>	<u>\$ 464,763</u>
Shortfall	<u>\$ (62,608)</u>	<u>\$ (57,973)</u>	<u>\$ (55,234)</u>

The M&P Fund is our operating fund out of which we pay salaries and other operating expenses during the year. It is not unusual for this fund to be in a deficit position at the end of October. However, as noted above, the M&P Fund is behind both the budget and last year at this time. We had already planned for a budget shortfall of \$25,000. We are in danger of surpassing this shortfall and therefore, need the Congregation's support over the next six weeks so that we can keep the shortfall to less than or equal to plan in order to maintain our limited reserves.

Bob Roden

2020 Stewardship Update : 132 pledges have been received with:

- > \$119,017 for Ministries and Programs Fund > \$32,284 for Mission and Service Fund
- > \$23,465 for Property Renewal Fund > \$162,728 for Greatest Need
- > \$337,494 Total pledged

79 **PAR participants** have not submitted a pledge form. If they continue to at the same rate for 2020 they would contribute:

- > \$55,448 for Ministries and Programs Fund > \$9,806 for Mission and Service Fund
- > \$23,465 for Property Renewal Fund > \$34,092 for Greatest Need
- > \$115,360 Total

Please keep your pledges coming. Thank you.

The November 2019 edition of **Churchpost** is ready for pickup on the Sunday School counter.

Welcome to Rideau Park United Church. Please note: Audio loops are available from the ushers. Prayer requests for today's services can be noted on the lists at the entrances. Childcare for pre-schoolers is available in room B-12 (lower hallway). Quiet activity boxes are also available for children in the chapel each Sunday. ****Indicates where the congregation is invited to stand as able.*** Please join us for refreshments and conversation in Beecroft Hall after the service.

Activities Calendar: Nov 17 – Nov 23			Coffee Hour Volunteer	
<u>Sunday:</u>			Nov 24	Pat Whitridge & Pierre Quesnel
Meditation	9:10am	B-9		Gretchen Conrad & Mark Shulist
Sunday Service	10:00am	Sanctuary		
Pageant run-through	11:00am	Brackenridge	Dec 1	Merina, Devon & Rigel
Drums Alive	11:30am	Sanctuary		Nancy Begg-Durkee & John
Friendship Lunch	11:30am	Parlour		Durkee
<u>Monday:</u>			Dec 8	Gerri & Grieg Scott
Knitting	12:30pm	Beecroft		Doug & Elaine Robertson
UCW Exec. Meeting	1:00pm	Parlour		Ken & Dipty, Mikayla, Billy Tong
Ringing Praise	6:30pm	Sanctuary	Dec 15	Christy Harris
Touch of Brass	7:15pm	Sanctuary		Mary & Keith Harris
<u>Tues:</u>				Susan & Colin Townsend
50+ Fitness	9:00am	Beecroft	Sunday Duty Officers	
Pastoral Care	11:30am	Parlour	Nov 24	Jennifer McKinnon
Social Action	7:30pm	Parlour	Dec 1	Shanti Inman
La Bell Ensemble	7:15pm	Sanctuary	Dec 8	Kate Whitridge
<u>Wednesday:</u>			Counting Volunteers	
Harmony Club	1:00pm	Parlour	Nov 25	Garry Lindberg
Tai Chi	4:00pm	B-12	Dec 2	Bob Roden
Gentle Yoga	5:30pm	B-12	Dec 9	John Scollick
Session	7:30pm	Parlour	Main Office is open Monday to Friday, 9am-4pm	
<u>Thursday:</u>			Visit our website: rideaupark.ca	
50+ Fitness	9:00am	Beecroft	Prayer Chain: Ext 227 or prayerchain@rideaupark.ca	
Quilters	9:30am	Parlour		
Healing Pathway	1:00pm	B-9		
Euchre	1:00pm	Parlour		
HearSay	5:45pm	Beecroft		
Teen Choir	6:15pm	B-12		
NoteAble Sound Chimes	6:45pm	Sanctuary		
Cherubs	6:45pm	B-12		
Joyful Noise	6:45pm	B-12		
Grace Notes	6:45pm	Sanctuary		
Chancel Choir	7:30pm	Sanctuary		
<u>Friday:</u>				
Morning Yoga	9:30am	Parlour		
Chair Yoga	11:00am	Parlour		
Roast Beef Dinner	6:00pm	Beecroft		
<u>Saturday:</u>				
Advent Happening Prep		Beecroft		

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